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Active Training Drill to be Held at Oak Court Mall

MEMPHIS, TN – Plans have been finalized with the Memphis Police Department and the Shelby County Sheriff's office, plus multiple other agencies, in conjunction with Simon Property Group, to conduct a large scale joint active shooter training exercise at Oak Court Mall on **Sunday, September 22** before the mall opens to the public.

This will be a live drill that will include volunteers from the Shelby County Medical Reserve Corps and other local organizations playing the role of injured and alarmed mall patrons. Once triaged, injured "patients" will be transported by bus to area hospitals to simulate the sudden rush of emergency room patients that would likely accompany an active shooter event. This exercise WILL NOT affect hospitals' normal operating procedures or their ability to provide timely and effective care to current patients.

"Trainings like these are on-going activities vital to the success of all emergency, medical, and public health organizations. We always welcome the opportunity to partner with the first responders of Shelby County to improve our readiness capabilities," said Dr. Helen Morrow, Health Officer for the Shelby County Health Department Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program.

For more information, please contact Heather Burton, Risk Communications Coordinator for the Shelby County Health Department, at (901) 270-7179.